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NOT TO BE USED FOR NAVIGATIONAL PURPOSES

Maquan Pond Hanson

Plymouth County
South Coastal Watershed
Latitude: 42.06091 N Longitude: 70.85159 W



45 Acres
Depth: 12 Feet Average
18 Feet Maximum
Primary Gamefish:
Largemouth Bass

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General Information:

Maquan Pond is a 45 acre natural pond located in Hanson just south of Route 14 and east of Route 58. The pond has an average depth of 12 feet and a maximum depth of 18 feet. The pond has a connection at the southern end to Indianhead Pond and at the northern end to cranberry bogs. Camp Kiwanee is on the southeastern shore. The pond has 1.4 miles of shoreline which are heavily developed with residences. The pond is generally clear with a sand and gravel bottom with silt in deeper areas and coves.

Access:

Maquan Pond is a Great Pond and is accessible from Route 14 but parking is nonexistent. Anglers have to find some nearby legal street parking and walk in. Public access may also be available at certain times through Camp Kiwanee on the southern and eastern shores. The camp is owned by the town of Hanson and provides a boat ramp and parking. *No motorized boats are allowed*. Further information is available at http://www.hanson-a.gov/Public_Documents/HansonMA_RecDept/kiwanee

Management History:

A July 10, 1912 survey reported "red perch", sunfish, pickerel and hornpout. The bottom was reported as being white sand and rocky at the north end. Yellow and white pond lilys were reported fringing the shoreline, bladderwort was also reported. Since 1902, the pond has been stocked with brook trout, brown trout, rainbow trout, smallmouth bass, white perch, yellow perch, brown bullhead, bluegill, golden shiner and largemouth bass. An August 4, 1946 survey found golden shiner, chain pickerel, yellow perch, creek chubsucker, banded killifish, pumpkinseed and bluegill. In the past, Maquan Pond was stocked with trout but due to the unstratified warmwater habitat of the pond and summer trout kills, trout stocking was suspended after 1953. The pond was reclaimed for bass management with rotenone on August 27, 1955 and the estimated fish population was 175 pounds per acre indicating a fertile pond for the area. In 1955-1957, it was restocked with largemouth bass and yellow perch. On October 30, 1961 the pond was treated with 10.3 gallons of Ortho Sunfish Thinner. Surveys in July and August of 1971 survey captured nine species: bluegill, pumpkinseed, yellow perch, largemouth bass, white perch, brown bullhead, American eel, chain pickerel, and golden shiner.

Fish Populations:

Maquan Pond was most recently sampled by electrofishing in July 2006 and contained largemouth bass, American eel, yellow perch, bluegill, pumpkinseed, chain pickerel, brown bullhead and banded killifish.

Fishing:

Due its fertile warmwater habitats, Maquan Pond should provide good fishing for largemouth bass and panfish. Maquan Pond is located near a complex of ponds; other nearby ponds to try are Wampatuck Pond and Indian Head Pond in Hanson and Oldham Pond in Hanson/Pembroke and Furnace Pond in Pembroke.

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